

Request For Proposal



Solicitation No.:

2022-13-4277-80 All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative

RFP Opening Date: January 5, 2023 at 2:00PM CST

**City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge
Office of the Mayor-President
Division of Purchasing**

NOTE TO PROPOSERS:

- 1) Submit the separate set of Proposal Forms with all required information as your Proposal.
- 2) Retain the complete set of Specifications and Contract Documents for your file.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR

All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative

PART I. ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Background

East Baton Rouge Parish, in the State of Louisiana (hereafter referred to as PARISH), invites interested parties to submit proposals to provide contractual services for the All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative Project. This project is being funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

In order to effectively administer and manage the program, the Parish is soliciting proposals from qualified and experienced firms to provide services as identified in the Scope of Services (Attachment A).

1.1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to obtain competitive proposals as allowed by City-Parish governing statutes, ordinances, resolutions and policies from bona fide, qualified Proposers who are interested and able to provide knowledgeable personnel that are experienced in promotion of community education related to Hazard Mitigation per FEMA regulations.

1.1.2 Goals and Objectives

The City-Parish under the direct administration of the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP) desires to engage with a consultant for professional services to provide management and administration support of the All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative Project.

1.2 Definitions

- A. Shall – The term “shall” denotes mandatory requirements.
- B. Must – The terms “must” denotes mandatory requirements.
- C. May – The term “may” denotes an advisory or permissible action.
- D. Should – The term “should” denotes desirable.
- E. Contractor – means successful offer or who enters into a binding, written agreement.
- F. Agency – Any department, commission, council, board, office, bureau, committee, institution, agency, government, corporation, or other establishment of the City-Parish authorized to participate in any contract resulting from this solicitation.
- G. State – The State of Louisiana.
- H. Department – Department for whom the solicitation is issued.
- I. Director – Director of Purchasing.
- J. City-Parish – City of Baton Rouge-Parish of East Baton Rouge.
- K. Discussions – For the purposes of this RFP presentation, a formal, structured means of conducting written oral communications/presentations with responsible Proposers who submit proposals in response to this RFP.

- L. Close Out - A financial reconciliation between FEMA and the City-Parish on all project applications associated with the disaster/non-disaster projects
- M. Records - All documentation associated with the disaster reimbursement process or administration of State and Federal grants.

1.3 Schedule of Events

Item	Anticipated Schedule
<i>RFP issued</i>	<i>11/09/2022</i>
<i>Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting</i>	<i>12/02/2022</i>
<i>Deadline to receive written inquiries</i>	<i>12/08/2022 @ 5:00 PM CST</i>
<i>Deadline to answer written inquiries</i>	<i>12/22/2022 @ 5:00 PM CST</i>
<i>Proposal Opening Date (deadline for submitting proposals)</i>	<i>01/05/2023 @ 2:00 PM CST</i>
<i>Oral discussions with proposers</i>	<i>To be scheduled if City-Parish determines necessity</i>
<i>Contract Initiation</i>	<i>03/08/2023 (Estimated Start Date)</i>

NOTE: The City-Parish reserves the right to deviate from these dates.

1.4 Proposal Submittal

All proposals shall be received by Purchasing **no later than the date and time shown in the Schedule of Events.**

Important - - Clearly identify submission with the following information and format:

Proposal Name: All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative

Solicitation No.: Solicitation No: 2022-13-4277-80 All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative

Proposal Opening Date & Time: 01/05/2023 at 2:00 PM CST

Proposers are hereby advised that the U. S. Postal Service does not make deliveries to our physical location.

Proposals may be delivered by hand or courier service to our physical location at:

City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge
 Purchasing Division
 222 St. Louis Street, Rm. 826
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Proposer is solely responsible for ensuring that its courier service provider makes inside deliveries to our physical location. Purchasing is not responsible for any delays caused by the Proposer’s chosen means of proposal delivery.

Proposer is solely responsible for the timely delivery of its proposal. Failure to meet the proposal opening date and time shall result in rejection of the proposal.

1.5 Proposal Response Format (Not to Exceed 25 Pages)

Proposals submitted for consideration should follow the format and order of presentation described below:

- A. **Cover Letter**: Containing summary of Proposer's ability to perform the services described in the RFP and confirms that Proposer is willing to perform those services and enter into a contract with the City-Parish. By signing the letter and/or the proposal, the Proposer certifies compliance with the signature authority required in accordance with Louisiana law. The person signing the proposal must be:
1. A current corporate officer, partnership member, or other individual specifically authorized to submit a proposal as reflected in the appropriate records on file with the secretary of state; or
 2. An individual authorized to bind the company as reflected by a corporate resolution, certificate or affidavit; or
 3. Able to provide other documents indicating authority which are acceptable to the public entity.

Proposers should exhibit their understanding and approach to the project and address how each element will be accomplished.

The cover letter should also:

- Identify the submitting Proposer;
 - Identify the name, title, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of each person authorized by the Proposer to contractually obligate the Proposer;
 - Identify the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the contact person for technical and contractual clarifications throughout the evaluation period.
- B. **Table of Contents**: Organized in the order cited in the format contained herein.
- C. **Proposer Qualifications and Experience**: History and background of Proposer, financial strength and stability, with related services to government entities existing customer satisfaction, demonstrated volume of merchants, etc.
- D. **RFP Compliance**: Illustrating and describing compliance with the RFP requirements.
- E. **Innovative Concepts**: Present innovative concepts, if any, not discussed above for consideration.
- F. **Project Strategy**: Detailed strategy and implementation plan for All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative. This strategy is to include implementation actions, timelines, responsible parties, etc.
- G. **Financial Proposal**: Proposer's fees and other costs, if any, shall be submitted. This financial proposal shall include any and all costs the Proposer wishes to have considered in the contractual arrangement with the City-Parish.

1.5.1 Number of Response Copies

Each Proposer shall submit one (1) signed original response. Four (4) additional copies of the proposal should be provided, as well as one (1) electronic copy on a CD or USB Flash Drive, and (1) redacted copy of the Vendor's proposal. The first page of the original proposals should be marked "Original" and the first page of the copies should be marked "Copy". (See Section 1.6).

1.5.2 Legibility/Clarity

Responses to the requirements of this RFP in the formats requested is desirable with all questions answered in as much detail as practicable. The Proposer's response is to demonstrate an understanding of the requirements. Proposals prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Proposer's ability to meet the requirements of the RFP is also desired. Each Proposer is solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of its proposal.

1.6 Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and Proprietary Information

The designation of certain information as trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information shall only apply to the technical portion of your proposal. Your cost proposal will not be considered confidential under any circumstance. Any proposal copyrighted or marked as confidential or proprietary in its entirety may be rejected without further consideration or recourse.

For the purposes of this procurement, the provisions of the Louisiana Public Records Act (La. R.S. 44.1 et. seq.) will be in effect. Pursuant to this Act, all proceedings, records, contracts, and other public documents relating to this procurement shall be open to public inspection. Proposers are reminded that while trade secrets and other proprietary information they submit in conjunction with this procurement may not be subject to public disclosure, protections must be claimed by the Proposer at the time of submission of its Technical Proposal. Proposers should refer to the Louisiana Public Records Act for further clarification.

The Proposer must clearly designate the part of the proposal that contains a trade secret and/or privileged or confidential proprietary information as "confidential" in order to claim protection, if any, from disclosure. The Proposer shall mark the cover sheet of the proposal with the following legend, specifying the specific section(s) of his proposal sought to be restricted in accordance with the conditions of the legend:

"The data contained in pages of the proposal have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential information and such data shall only be disclosed for evaluation purposes, provided that if a contract is awarded to this Proposer as a result of or in connection with the submission of this proposal, the City-Parish shall have the right to use or disclose the data therein to the extent provided in the contract. This restriction does not limit the City-Parish's right to use or disclose data obtained from any source, including the Proposer, without restrictions."

Further, to protect such data, each page containing such data shall be specifically identified and marked "CONFIDENTIAL".

Proposers must be prepared to defend the reasons why the material should be held confidential. If a competing Proposer or other person seeks review or copies of another Proposer's confidential data, the City-Parish will notify the owner of the asserted data of the request. If the owner of the asserted data does not want the information disclosed, it must agree to indemnify the City-Parish and hold the City-Parish harmless against all actions or court proceedings that may ensue (including attorney's fees), which seek to order the City-Parish to disclose the information. If the owner of the asserted data refuses to indemnify and hold the City-Parish harmless, the City-Parish may disclose the information.

The City-Parish reserves the right to make any proposal, including proprietary information contained therein, available to the Purchasing Division personnel, the Office of the Mayor-President, or other City-Parish agencies or organizations for the sole purpose of assisting the City-Parish in its evaluation of the proposal. The City-Parish shall require said individuals to protect the confidentiality of any specifically identified proprietary information or privileged business information obtained as a result of their participation in these evaluations.

If your proposal contains confidential information, you should also submit a redacted copy along with your proposal. If you do not submit the redacted copy, you will be required to submit this copy within 48 hours of notification from Purchasing. When submitting your redacted copy, you should clearly mark the cover as such - "REDACTED COPY" - to avoid having this copy reviewed by an evaluation committee member. The redacted copy should also state which sections or information has been removed."

1.7 Proposal Clarifications Prior to Submittal

1.7.1 Pre-proposal Conference

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held December 2, 2022 at 11:00 am CST at 3773 Harding Boulevard in Baton Rouge, LA 70807. Mandatory job site visits are required; only those bidders who participate in the mandatory pre-proposal meeting are eligible to receive an award on this project. (See 1.3 –Schedule of Events)

1.7.2 Proposer Inquiry Periods

An initial inquiry period is hereby firmly set for all interested Proposers to perform a detailed review of the proposal documents and to submit any written questions relative thereto. *Without exception*, all questions **MUST** be in writing and received by the close of business on the Inquiry Deadline date set forth in the Calendar of Events (See Section 1.3). Initial inquiries shall not be entertained thereafter.

The City-Parish shall not and cannot permit an open-ended inquiry period, as this creates an unwarranted delay in the procurement cycle and operations of our departments. The City-Parish reasonably expects and requires *responsible and interested* Proposers to conduct their in-depth proposal review and submit inquiries in a timely manner.

Any person aggrieved in connection with the specifications contained therein shall submit questions or concerns in writing to Director of Purchasing (see Sect. 1.4) during the bid period. Otherwise, this will be construed as acceptance by the bidders that the intent of the specifications is clear and that competitive proposals may be submitted as specified herein. Protests with regard to the specification documents will not be considered after proposals are opened.

*Note: The City-Parish has elected to use LaPAC, the state's online electronic bid posting and notification system that is resident on State Purchasing's website at <http://wwwprd1.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/lapac/dspBid.cfm?search=department&term=102> and is available for vendor self-enrollment. In that LaPAC provides an immediate e-mail notification to subscribing bidders that a solicitation and any subsequent addenda have been let and posted, notice and receipt thereof is considered formally given as of their respective dates of posting.

No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be executed by any bidder as a result of any oral discussions with any City-Parish employee or City-Parish consultant. The City-Parish shall only consider written and timely communications from Proposers.

Inquiries shall be submitted in writing by an authorized representative of the Proposer, clearly cross-referenced to the relevant solicitation section. Only those inquiries received by the established deadline shall be considered by the City-Parish. Answers to questions that change or substantially clarify the solicitations shall be issued by addendum and provided to all perspective Proposers.

Inquiries concerning this solicitation may be delivered by mail, express courier, e-mail, hand, or fax to:

City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge
Attention: Maggie Duvall
Purchasing Division
222 Saint Louis Street, Room 826 Baton Rouge, LA 70802
E-Mail: 2022-13-4277-80_All_Hazards_Mitigation_Outreach@brla.gov
Phone: (225) 389-3259 / Fax: (225) 389-4841

1.8 Errors and Omissions in Proposal

The City-Parish will not be liable for any error in the proposal. Proposer will not be allowed to alter proposal documents after the deadline for proposal submission, except under the following condition: The City-Parish reserves the right to make corrections or clarifications due to patent errors identified in proposals by the City-Parish or the Proposer. The City-Parish, at its option, has the right to require clarification or additional information from the Proposer.

1.9 Proposal Guarantee (not required for this RFP)

1.10 Performance Bond (not required for this RFP)

1.11 Changes, Addenda, Withdrawals

The City-Parish reserves the right to change the calendar of events or issue Addenda to the RFP at any time. The City-Parish also reserves the right to cancel or reissue the RFP.

If the Proposer needs to submit changes or addenda, such shall be submitted in writing prior to the proposal opening, signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer, cross-referenced clearly to the relevant proposal section, and submitted in a sealed envelope marked as stated in Section 1.4. Such shall meet all requirements for the proposal.

1.12 Withdrawal of Proposal

A Proposer may withdraw a proposal that has been submitted at any time up to the proposal closing date and time. To accomplish this, a written request signed by the authorized representative of the Proposer must be submitted to Purchasing.

1.13 Material in the RFP

Proposals shall be based only on the material contained in this RFP. The RFP includes official responses to questions, addenda, and other material, which may be provided by the City-Parish pursuant to the RFP.

1.14 Waiver of Administrative Informalities

The City-Parish reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in any proposal.

1.15 Proposal Rejection

Issuance of this RFP in no way constitutes a commitment by the City-Parish to award a contract. The City-Parish reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals submitted or to cancel this RFP if it is in the best interest of the City-Parish to do so.

Failure to submit all non-mandatory information requested may result in the City-Parish requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lower score in the evaluation of the proposal.

1.16 Ownership of Proposal

All materials (paper content only) submitted timely in response to this request become the property of the City-Parish. Selection or rejection of a response does not affect this right. All proposals submitted timely will be retained by the City-Parish and not returned to Proposers. Any copyrighted materials in the response are not transferred to the City-Parish.

1.17 Cost of Offer Preparation

The City-Parish is not liable for any costs incurred by prospective Proposers or Contractors prior to issuance of or entering into a Contract. Costs associated with developing the proposal, preparing for oral presentations, and any other expenses incurred by the Proposer in responding to the RFP are entirely the responsibility of the Proposer, and shall not be reimbursed in any manner by the City-Parish.

1.18 Non-negotiable Contract Terms

Non-negotiable contract terms include but are not limited to taxes, assignment of contract, audit of records, EEOC and ADA compliance, record retention, content of contract/order of precedence, contract changes, governing law, claims or controversies, and termination based on contingency of appropriation of funds (if applicable).

1.19 Taxes

Any taxes, other than state and local sales and use taxes, from which the City-Parish is exempt, shall be assumed to be included within the Proposer's cost.

1.20 Proposal Validity

All proposals shall be considered valid for acceptance until such time an award is made, unless the Proposer provides for a different time period within its proposal response. However, the City-Parish reserves the right to reject a proposal if the Proposer's response is unacceptable and the Proposer is unwilling to extend the validity of its proposal.

1.21 Prime Contractor Responsibilities

The selected Proposer shall be required to assume responsibility for all items and services offered in his proposal whether or not he produces or provides them. The City-Parish shall consider the selected Proposer to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.

1.21.1 Corporation Requirements

Upon the award of the contract, if the Consultant is a corporation and not incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the Consultant shall have obtained a certificate of authority pursuant to R.S. 12:301-302 from the Secretary of State of Louisiana prior to the execution of the contract.

Upon the award of the contract, if the Consultant is a for-profit corporation whose stock is not publicly traded, the Consultant shall ensure that a disclosure of ownership form has been properly filed with the Secretary of State of Louisiana.

If services are to be performed in East Baton Rouge City-Parish, evidence of a current occupational license and/or permit issued by the City-Parish shall be supplied by the successful vendor, if applicable.

1.22 Use of Subcontractors

Each Consultant shall serve as the single prime contractor for all work performed pursuant to its contract. That prime contractor shall be responsible for all deliverables referenced in this RFP. This general requirement notwithstanding.

1.23 Written or Oral Discussions/Presentations

Written or oral discussions may be conducted with Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. The City-Parish reserves the right to enter into an Agreement without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial offers received.

Any commitments or representations made during these discussions, if conducted, may become formally recorded in the final contract.

Written or oral discussions/presentations for clarification may be conducted to enhance the City-Parish understanding of any or all of the proposals submitted. Neither negotiations nor changes to vendor proposals will be allowed during these discussions. Proposals may be accepted without such discussions.

1.24 Acceptance of Proposal Content

The mandatory RFP requirements shall become contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful Proposers to accept these obligations shall result in the rejection of the proposal.

1.25 Evaluation and Selection (see Part III Evaluation)

1.26 Contract Negotiations

If for any reason the Proposer whose proposal is most responsive to the City-Parish's needs, price and other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP considered, does not agree to a contract, that proposal shall be rejected and the City- Parish may negotiate with the next most responsive Proposer. Negotiation may include revision of non- mandatory terms, conditions, and requirements. Negotiation shall also allow price reductions. The final contract form shall be reviewed by the Purchasing Division and approved by the Parish Attorney prior to issuance of a purchase order, if applicable to complete the process.

1.27 Contract Award and Execution

The City-Parish reserves the right to enter into an Agreement without further discussion of the proposal submitted based on the initial offers received.

The RFP, any addendums, and the proposal of the selected Consultant will become part of any contract initiated by the City-Parish.

In no event is a Proposer to submit its own standard contract terms and conditions as a response to this RFP. The Proposer needs to address the specific language in the sample contract Attachment D and submit with their proposal any exceptions or exact contract deviations that their firm wishes to negotiate. The terms for both of these documents may be negotiated as part of the negotiation process with the exception of contract provisions that are non-negotiable.

If the contract negotiation period exceeds 30 days or if the selected Proposer fails to sign the contract within **seven calendar** days of delivery of it, the City-Parish may elect to cancel the award and award the contract to the next- highest-ranked Proposer.

Award shall be made to the Proposer whose proposal, conforming to the RFP, will be the most advantageous to the City-Parish, price and other factors considered.

The City-Parish intends to award to a single Proposer.

1.28 Notice of Intent to Award

Upon review and approval of the evaluation committee's recommendation for award by Purchasing and Metro Council, a Notice of Intent to Award letter to the apparent successful Proposer will be issued. A contract shall be completed and signed by all parties concerned on or before the date indicated in the Schedule of Events. If this date is not met, through no fault of the City-Parish, the City-Parish may elect to cancel the Notice of Intent to Award letter and make the award to the next most advantageous Proposer.

Purchasing shall notify all unsuccessful Proposers as to the outcome of the evaluation process. The evaluation factors, points, evaluation committee member names, and the completed evaluation summary and recommendation report shall be made available to all interested parties after the Intent to Award letter has been issued.

1.29 Debriefings

Debriefings may be requested by the participating Proposers after a contract has been awarded. Contact may be made by phone at (225) 389-3259 or E-mail to 2022-13-4277-80_All_Hazards_Mitigation_Outreach@brla.gov to schedule the debriefing. Debriefings shall occur within 15 days after the Contract Award and will not be conducted prior to contract award. Debriefings may be conducted so that unsuccessful proposers can review the evaluation summary and discuss the relative merits of submitted proposals. If the requesting vendor wishes to view other file documents, a Public Records request in accordance with R.S 44.1 et. seq. can be submitted.

1.30 Insurance Requirements

Proposer shall furnish the City-Parish with certificates of insurance affecting coverage(s) required by the RFP (see Attachment C). The certificates for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The certificates are to be received and approved by the City-Parish before work commences. The City-Parish reserves the right to require complete certified copies of all required policies, at any time.

1.31 Subcontractor Insurance

Contractor is responsible for assuring that its Subcontractors meet the insurance requirements listed on Attachment C.

1.32 Indemnification

Proposer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City-Parish from any and all losses, damages, expenses or other liabilities, including but not limited to those connected with any claim for personal injury, death, property damage or other liability that may be asserted against the City-Parish by any party which arises or is alleged in performing its obligations under this Agreement.

Proposer, its agents, employees and insurer(s) hereby release the City-Parish its agents and assigns from any and all liability or responsibility including anyone claiming through or under them by way of subrogation or otherwise for any loss or damage which Proposer, its agents or insurers may sustain incidental to or in any way related to Proposer's operations under this Agreement.

1.33 Fidelity Bond Requirements (not required for this RFP)

1.34 Payment for Services

The Consultant shall be entitled to payment in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Consultant shall invoice the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The contract will be issued with a maximum (not to exceed) total contract price. Payments will be made by the City-Parish within approximately thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of a properly executed invoice, and approval by the department.

1.35 Termination

1.35.1 Termination of this Agreement for Cause – The City-Parish may terminate this contract for cause based upon the failure of the Consultant to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to this Agreement, provided that the City-Parish shall give the Consultant written notice specifying the Consultant's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the Consultant shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the City-Parish may, at its option, place the Consultant in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

The Consultant may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana Law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the City-Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; provided that the Consultant shall give the City-Parish written notice specifying the City-Parish failure and a reasonable opportunity for the City-Parish to cure the defect.

1.35.2 Termination of this Agreement for Convenience – The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Consultant of such termination or negotiating with the Consultant an effective date. The Consultant shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

1.35.3 Termination for Lack of Appropriated Funds – Should the RFP result in a multi-year contract, a non-appropriation clause shall be made a part of the contract terms as required by state statutes, allowing the City-Parish to terminate the contract for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated.

If the RFP contract services are funded by grant funds, the City-Parish shall have the right to terminate the contract or any issued Task Order for which funding is terminated.

1.36 Assignment

Assignment of contract, or any payment under the contract, requires the advanced written approval of the City-Parish.

1.37 No Guarantee of Quantities

Neither the City-Parish nor Department obligates itself to contract for, or accept more than their actual requirements during the period of this agreement, as determined by actual needs and availability of appropriated funds.

1.38 Audit of Records

The City-Parish or others so designated by the City-Parish, or other lawful entity shall have the option to audit all accounts directly pertaining to the resulting contract for a period of five (5) years after project acceptance or as required by applicable Local, State and Federal law. Records shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose.

1.39 Civil Rights Compliance

The Proposer agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Proposer agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Proposer, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this agreement.

1.40 Record Retention

The Contractor shall maintain all records in relation to this contract for a period of at least three (3) years after final close-out of the disaster.

1.41 Record Ownership

All records, reports, documents, or other material related to any contract resulting from this RFP and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the City-Parish, and shall, upon request, be returned by Contractor to City- Parish, at Contractor's expense, at termination or expiration of this contract.

1.42 Content of Contract/Order of Precedence

In the event of an inconsistency between the contract, the RFP and/or the Consultant's proposal, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the final contract, then to the RFP and subsequent addenda (if any) and finally, the Consultant's Proposal.

1.43 Contract Changes

No additional changes, enhancements, or modifications to any contract resulting from this RFP shall be made without the prior approval of Finance, Purchasing, Parish Attorney and Metro Council, where applicable.

Changes to the contract include any change in: compensation; beginning/ending date of the contract; scope of work; and/or contractor change through the Assignment of Contract process. Any such changes, once approved, will result in the issuance of an amendment to the contract.

1.44 Substitution of Personnel

Proposals should include the names and qualifications of the individuals that will be assigned to this project. Substitution of personnel shall be approved by the City-Parish.

1.45 Governing Law

All activities associated with this RFP process shall be interpreted under applicable Louisiana Law. All proposals and contracts submitted are subject to provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana including but not limited to L.R.S.38-2211-2296; section 1:701-710 of the City-Parish Code of Ordinances, purchasing regulations; standard terms and conditions; special terms and conditions; and specifications listed in this RFP.

1.46 Claims or Controversies

Any Proposer who believes they were adversely affected by the City-Parish's procurement process or award, may file a protest. It must be submitted in writing to the Director of Purchasing and specifically state the particular facts which form the basis of the protest and the relief requested. The written protest must be received within seven (7) days from the date the basis of the protest was, or should have been known.

The City-Parish will take action on protests within fifteen (15) days of the receipt thereof. The City-Parish may suspend, postpone or defer the proposal process and/or award in whole or in part upon receipt of a protest.

A protest shall be limited to issues arising from the procurement provisions of the contract and state or local law. Protests with regard to basic project design will not be considered.

Protests will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Parish Attorney. The decision of the committee regarding the protest will be given to the Proposer in writing within ten (10) days after all pertinent information has been considered. The decision of the Review Committee shall be a condition precedent to any other proceedings in connection with a protest and shall be considered the administrative remedy available to the protesting bidder.

1.47 Proposer's Certification of No Suspension or Debarment

Certification of no suspension or debarment. By signing and submitting any proposal for \$25,000 or more, the Proposer certifies that their company, any subcontractors, or principals are not suspended or debarred by the General Services Administration (GSA) in accordance with **Part V Federal Clauses** of this request for proposal.

A list of parties who have been suspended or debarred can be viewed via the internet at www.sam.gov

PART II SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICES

2.1 Scope of Work/Services

The scope of services is as outlined in Attachment A.

2.2 Period of Agreement

The term of any contract resulting from this solicitation shall begin on or about 03/08/2023 and shall cover All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative through close-out and/or for a period of one year with the option to renew for two (2) one year periods.

2.3 Price Schedule Example

Prices proposed by the Proposers should be submitted on the Price Schedule (Example), or similar, as Attachment B-1, accompanied by the Proposal Form furnished herein as Attachment B. Prices submitted shall be firm for the term of the contract and inclusive of all charges Proposer wishes City-Parish to consider for proposed services. Prices shall include delivery of all services.

2.4 Deliverables

The deliverables listed in Attachment A are the minimum desired from the successful Proposer. Every Proposer should describe what deliverables will be provided per their proposal, and how the proposed deliverables will be provided.

2.5 Location

The proposed services are required at various locations throughout the City-Parish.

2.6 Proposal Elements

2.6.1 Financial

Describe any potential charges for proposed services associated with the RFP program implementation and administration that you wish the City-Parish to consider.

2.6.2 Technical

Each Proposer should address how the firm will meet all the requirements of this RFP, with particular attention to:

- Firm's capacity to address the City-Parish's scope of work.
- Demonstration of the firm's prior experience in providing consulting services and its familiarity with FEMA, HUD and other Federal programs.
- Capability and qualification of the proposed personnel.
- Proposed Strategy of the firm in representing the City-Parish in All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative.

Any other information deemed pertinent by the Proposer including terms and conditions which the Proposer wishes the City-Parish to consider.

PART III EVALUATION

The following criteria cited herein will be evaluated when reviewing the proposals: The proposal will be evaluated in light of the material and the substantiating evidence presented to the City-Parish, not on the basis of what may be inferred.

3.1 Financial Proposal (Value of 20%)

The following financial criteria will be evaluated:

- All costs inclusive of maximum fee for all consulting work
- All other costs, if any, proposed by the Proposer

Prices proposed by the Proposers should be submitted on the Proposal Forms (or in a similar format) furnished in Attachment B-1. Prices proposed shall be firm.

The information provided in response to this section will be used in the Financial Evaluation to calculate lowest evaluated cost per the following formula:

The Proposer with the lowest cost will be awarded maximum allocated points assigned Financial. Other Proposers will receive cost points in accordance with the following $CC = (LPC/PC)$ multiplied by MAP. CC= computed cost, LPC= lowest proposed cost, PC= Proposer's cost and MAP=maximum allocated points

The Proposer will not be reimbursed for any travel, per diem, photocopying, telephone bills or other related expenses of the engagement unless incurred at the specific written request of the City-Parish. All costs proposed are to be inclusive of all expenses necessary to provide the scope of services outlined in this RFP, and should be included in the hourly rates.

3.2 Technical Proposal (Value of 80%)

The Technical criteria as detailed in Section 2.6.2 will be evaluated.

- Firm's capacity to address the City-Parish's scope of work. (20%)
- Demonstration of the firm's prior experience in providing consulting services and its familiarity with FEMA, HUD and other Federal programs. (20%)
- Capability and qualification of the proposed personnel. (10%)
- Small Entrepreneurships (MBE/SBE/WBE) Initiative (5%)
- Proposed Strategy of the firm in representing the City-Parish in All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative. (25%)

MBE/SBE/WBE Initiative

Participation by Certified Small Entrepreneurships/DBE Initiative

This procurement has been designated as suitable for certified small entrepreneurships **(MBE/SBE/WBE)** participation.

The City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge strongly encourages the participation of Small and Minority and Women-owned business in all contracts or procurements let by the City of Baton Rouge Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all Service Providers and suppliers are encouraged to utilize federal, state or locally certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged businesses are available.

Proposers that are not eligible for certification are encouraged to use Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses where sub-contracting opportunities exist. To be responsive to this request for proposal, the proposer should be a Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses or have put forth a good faith effort to use certified Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors. By submitting and signing a proposal, the proposer certifies that they are in compliance with this requirement. The proposer shall submit with the proposal a plan and selection process outlining good-faith efforts to utilize Small, Minority or Women-owned businesses as subcontractors.

Written notification is the preferred method to inform Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses of potential subcontracting opportunities. A current list of certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses may be obtained from the Louisiana Economic Development Certification System at <https://smallbiz.louisianaeconomicdevelopment.com/certifiedbusiness/default.aspx>. Additionally, a current list of Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses, which have been certified by the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and have opted to enroll in the State of Louisiana Procurement and Contract (LaPAC) Network, may be accessed from <http://www.prd1.doa.louisiana.gov/OSP/LaPAC/Vendor/srchven2.cfm>. You may then determine the search criteria (i.e. alphabetized list of all certified vendors, by commodities, etc.), and select "SMALL". Additional assistance may also be obtained from the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce to solicit and use these firms at <http://www.mbda.gov/contact>.

Copies of notification to at least three (or more) certified Small, Minority and Women-owned businesses will satisfy the notification requirements. Notification must be provided to the certified entrepreneurs by the proposer in writing no less than five working days prior to the date of proposal deadline.

Notification must include the scope of work, location to review plans and specifications (if applicable), information about required qualifications and specifications, any bonding and insurance information and/or requirements (if applicable), and the name of a person to contact.

In the event questions arise after an award is made relative to the proposer's good faith efforts, the proposer will be required to provide supporting documentation to demonstrate its good faith subcontracting plan was actually followed. If it is at any time determined that the Service Provider did not in fact perform its good faith subcontracting plan, the contract award or the existing contract may be terminated.

Service Providers will be required to report Small and Minority and Women-owned businesses subcontractors or distributor participation and the dollar amount of each with payment request to the contract monitor.

PART IV PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

4.1 Performance Requirements

The performance requirements are as outlined in Attachment A.

4.2 Performance Measurement/Evaluation (will be negotiated with successful proposer)

PART V FEDERAL CLAUSES

Definitions:

non-Federal entity- means a State, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education (IHE), or nonprofit organization that carries out a Federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

federally assisted construction contract – any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government

funding agreement – agreement entered into between any Federal agency and any contractor for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work funded in whole or in part by the Federal government.

The Contractor/Vendor/Sub-Recipient receiving funding under a Federal award, shall comply with all applicable contract provisions as prescribed in Appendix II to Part 200.

All contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is inflation adjusted and determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address **administrative, contractual, or legal remedies** in instances where **contractors violate or breach contract terms**, and provide for such **sanctions** and **penalties** as appropriate. As of 10/08/21 the simplified acquisition threshold is **\$150,000.00**.

All contracts in excess of **\$10,000.00** must address **termination for cause** and for **convenience** by the non-Federal entity.

If a Federal award meets the definition of a “funding agreement” under 37 CFR § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401.

The following clauses are mandatory if Federal Funds are utilized.

REMEDIES

As a breach of service would cause serious and substantial damages to the City-Parish and its occupants, and the nature of resulting contract would render it impractical or extremely difficult to fix the actual damage sustained by the City-Parish by such breach, it is agreed that in case of a breach of service, the City-Parish may elect to collect liquidated damages as specified in the resulting contract, not as a penalty, such sums being agreed as the amount which the City-Parish will be damaged by the breach of such service.

The decision to seek such remedies shall not be construed as a waiver of any legal remedies the City-Parish may have as to any subsequent breach of service.

If the Proposer fails to perform, or to perform in a satisfactory manner, or to perform in strict compliance with the resulting Contract, the Proposer will be considered to be in Breach of Contract, the Proposer elsewhere in the resulting Contract Documents, the City-Parish retains, solely to itself, all in addition to such remedies of a less formal but corrective nature as may be delineated between the City-Parish and such remedies.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE AND CONVENIENCE

See 1.35.1 and 1.35.2 above.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

During the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

(2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor will not discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the contractor's legal duty to furnish information.

(4) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(5) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(6) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(7) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Agreement or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(8) The Contractor will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (8) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance:

Provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the administering agency, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

The applicant further agrees that it will be bound by the above equal opportunity clause with respect to its own employment practices when it participates in federally assisted construction work: Provided, That if the applicant so participating is a State or local government, the above equal opportunity clause is not applicable to any agency, instrumentality or subdivision of such government which does not participate in work on or under the contract.

The applicant agrees that it will assist and cooperate actively with the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the equal opportunity clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, that it will furnish the administering agency and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and that it will otherwise assist the administering agency in the discharge of the agency's primary responsibility for securing compliance.

The applicant further agrees that it will refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the equal opportunity clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by the administering agency or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Part II, Subpart D of the Executive Order. In addition, the applicant agrees that if it fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, the administering agency may take any or all of the following actions: Cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this grant (contract, loan, insurance, guarantee); refrain from extending any further assistance to the applicant under the program with respect to which the failure or refund occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from such applicant; and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

DAVIS - BACON ACT COPELAND ANTI-KICKBACK ACT

The Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148) as amended, with the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a- 5*, 40 USC 327 and 40 USC 276c) and all other applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards in so far as those acts apply to the performance of this contract. In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti- Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The Contractor shall maintain documentation which demonstrates compliance with requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the City-Parish for review upon request.

CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT

Pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, the Contractor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT

If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

The Contractor is required to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT

Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS

Contractor shall comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act which pertains to procuring only items designated in the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000.00 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceed \$10,000.00; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

DHS SEAL, LOGO, AND FLAGS

The contractor shall not use the DHS seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of DHS agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the contract only. The contractor will comply will all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA and/or HUD policies, procedures, and directives.

NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this contract and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the non-Federal entity, contractor, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

The contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the contractor's actions pertaining to this contract.

**PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES
OR EQUIPMENT (2 C.F.R. § 200.216)**

Specifically,

- a) recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from using grant funds to:
 - (1) Procure or obtain;
 - (2) Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
 - (3) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in *Public Law 115-232*, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
 - ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
 - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.
- b) In implementing the prohibition under *Public Law 115-232*, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- c) See *Public Law 115-232*, section 889 for additional information.
- d) See also § 200.471.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENT

(2 C.F.R. § 200.322)

- a) As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the parties should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

- b) For purposes of this section:
 - (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.

 - (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the **Contractor** understands and agrees to the above Federal award provisions.

CONTRACTOR

BY: _____
(Authorized Signature)

(Printed Name)

Bidders must agree to keep informed of and comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations which affect their employees or prospective employees.

NOTE: THE FOLLOW TERMS APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES MADE WITH OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF, OR FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS):

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND CONTRACTOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Use of Funds.

- a. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the funds disbursed under this award may only be used in compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act), Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. CONTRACTOR will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project.

Period of Performance. The period of performance for this award begins on the date hereof. As set forth in Treasury's implementing regulations, CONTRACTOR may use award funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on January 6, 2023, and ends on December 31, 2026.

Reporting. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any reporting obligations established by Treasury as they relate to this award.

Maintenance of and Access to Records.

- a. CONTRACTOR shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. The Treasury Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of the CONTRACTOR in order to conduct audits or other investigations.
- c. Records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

Pre-award Costs. Pre-award costs, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.458, may not be paid with funding from this award.

Administrative Costs. CONTRACTOR may use funds provided under this award to cover both direct and indirect costs.

Cost Sharing. Cost sharing or matching funds are not required to be provided by CONTRACTOR.

Conflicts of Interest. CONTRACTOR understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict of interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) and that such conflict of interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award. CONTRACTOR and SUBCONTRACTORS must disclose in writing to Treasury or the pass-through entity, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations.

- a. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. CONTRACTOR also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and CONTRACTOR shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.
- b. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
 - i. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F – Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.
 - ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference.
 - iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.
 - iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180, including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury’s implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
 - v. CONTRACTOR Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference.
 - vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20.
 - vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21.
 - viii. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655) and implementing regulations.
 - ix. Generally applicable federal environmental laws and regulations.

- c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
 - ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
 - iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
 - iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
 - v. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

Remedial Actions. In the event of CONTRACTOR's noncompliance with section 603 of the Act, other applicable laws, Treasury's implementing regulations, guidance, or any reporting or other program requirements, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of a subsequent tranche of future award funds, if any, or take other available remedies as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. In the case of a violation of section 603(c) of the Act regarding the use of funds, previous payments shall be subject to recoupment as provided in section 603(e) of the Act.

Hatch Act. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply, as applicable, with requirements of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by this federal assistance.

False Statements. CONTRACTOR understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of CONTRACTOR] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

Debts Owed the Federal Government.

- a. Any funds paid to CONTRACTOR (1) in excess of the amount to which CONTRACTOR is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation pursuant to section 603(e) of the Act and have not been repaid by CONTRACTOR shall constitute a debt to the federal government.
- b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by CONTRACTOR. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made or if the CONTRACTOR knowingly or improperly retains funds that are a debt as defined in paragraph 14(a). Treasury will take any actions available to it to collect such a debt.

Disclaimer.

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to CONTRACTOR or third persons for the actions of CONTRACTOR or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any contract, or subcontract under this award.
- b. The acceptance of this award by CONTRACTOR does not in any way establish an agency relationship between the United States and CONTRACTOR.

Protections for Whistleblowers.

- a. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, CONTRACTOR may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- b. The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
 - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
 - ii. An Inspector General;
 - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
 - iv. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
 - v. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
 - vi. A court or grand jury; or
 - vii. A management official or other employee of CONTRACTOR, contractor, or SUBCONTRACTOR who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- c. CONTRACTOR shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr. 18, 1997), CONTRACTOR should encourage its employees and SUBCONTRACTORS to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

Reducing Text Messaging While Driving. Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74 FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), CONTRACTOR should encourage its employees and SUBCONTRACTORS to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and CONTRACTOR should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.



Attachment A
Scope of Services
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

The consultant shall work closely and collaborate with various funding agencies and internal City-Parish departments to ensure the proper use and application of federal and state funds. Consultant shall focus on maximizing eligible, allocable federal dollars. Consultant shall conduct efficient processes that reduce the timeline for eligibility determinations that support project cash flow sources and uses. Consultant will provide technical knowledge and experience, proven business processes, and policy strategies. In order to develop and implement the framework of project activities, the consultant shall perform services and work necessary to complete the following objectives and tasks:

- East Baton Rouge Parish (EBRP) proposes to enhance the Red Stick Ready campaign by promoting and educating the Community for disaster preparedness for all-hazards applicable to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).
- EBRP proposes to promote awareness for flooding, severe weather, hurricanes, fires, winter weather, extreme heat, tornadoes, and any other natural hazard(s) that may face EBRP through education and outreach.
- This strategy will include creation and development of informational handouts both paper and electronically, public outreach materials, educational brochures, flood insurance facts, and as well as age-appropriate resources. These materials will be published in alternate languages as well.
- EBR Parish will also host meetings to facilitate training and community awareness as to compiling required documents to form hazard mitigation grant applications and how to file insurance claims. Assist the Parish in meeting all of the Program requirements.
- Keep track and monitor consultant's own time and activities by project, or as allowable under the provisions of Federal guidance for direct administrative, indirect, and project management costs (reference Federal regulations and policy guidance for these topics).
- Provide written performance and status reports to City-Parish on the status of the grant program as requested. The performance and status report should include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Hours billed and amount invoiced by personnel
 - Issues requiring assistance



ATTACHMENT B
PROPOSAL FORM
CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge Purchasing Division until **01/05/2023 at 2:00 P.M.** CST in Room 826, of the City-Parish City Hall Building, 222 St. Louis St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802

PROPOSAL OF _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

The Purchasing Director
City of Baton Rouge
Parish of East Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The undersigned hereby agrees to furnish all materials, tools, equipment, insurance and labor to perform all services required for the following project:

All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative

As set forth in the following Contract Documents:

1. Notice to Proposers
2. The Specifications (Administrative and General Information, Scope of Work/Services, Evaluation, Performance Standards, Attachments and Appendix.)
3. Proposal Forms with Attachments
4. Agreement
5. The following enumerated addenda: _____ receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

The undersigned declares that the only persons or parties interested in this proposal as principals are those named herein; that this proposal is made without collusion of any kind with any other person, firm, association or corporation; that the undersigned has carefully examined the site of the proposed work, and proposes, and agrees, if this proposal is accepted, to do all the work and furnish all the services specified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents and to accept as full compensation therefore the total amount of the prices herein proposed, subject to any mutually agreed upon amendments.

The undersigned agrees that the proposal is firm until time of award.

The undersigned agrees to execute the Agreement and Affidavit and furnish to the City-Parish all insurance certificates and performance bond (if applicable) required for the project within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving notice of award from the City-Parish.

The undersigned further agrees that the work will begin on the date specified in the Notice to Proceed, projected to be on or about 03/08/2023 and shall be diligently prosecuted at such rate and in such manner as, in the opinion of the City-Parish's Representative is necessary for the prosecution of the work within the times specified in the Agreement, it being understood that time is of the essence.

The price for performance of all services in accordance with the Contract Documents is based on the unit (or other costs) proposed and accepted after contract negotiations.

NOTE: This financial proposal shall include any and all costs the Proposer wishes to have considered in the contractual arrangement with the City-Parish. If quoted as a lump sum, individual rates and itemized costs included in lump sum are to be included with proposal submittal.

All supplemental information requested is enclosed or presented in a separate sealed box or envelope.

(SIGNATURE)

(Typed Name and Title)

THE ATTACHED BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED TO INDICATE WHETHER BIDDER IS AN INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ETC.



ATTACHMENT B-1
PRICING SCHEDULE EXAMPLE
CITY OF BATON ROUGE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

***This form must be sealed in a separate envelope marked “Proposed Consulting Fee.”**

List all pricing details here or in a format similar to this schedule.

Labor Category/Title	Qualification (Yrs. of Experience)	Hourly Rate
Project Executive/Principal		\$
Subject Expert		\$
Project Manager		\$
Assistant Project Manager		\$
Grant Manager		\$
Senior Engineer/Scientist		\$
Mid-Level Engineer/Scientist		\$
Engineer/Scientist		\$
Senior Accounting Specialist		\$
Accounting Specialist		\$
Senior Closeout Specialist		\$
Closeout Specialist		\$
Senior Cost Estimator		\$
Cost Estimator		\$
HM Consultant IV		\$
HM Consultant III		\$
HM Consultant II		\$
HM Consultant I		\$
Administrative		\$
Maximum Proposal (Not to Exceed)Price		\$

**ATTACHMENT B-2
BIDDER'S ORGANIZATION**

BIDDER IS:

AN INDIVIDUAL

Individual's Name: _____

Doing business as: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

A PARTNERSHIP

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

A CORPORATION

IF BID IS BY A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH BID.

Corporation Name: _____

Address: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Name of person authorized to sign: _____

Title: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____ Email: _____

IF BID IS BY A JOINT VENTURE, ALL PARTIES TO THE BID SHOULD COMPLETE THIS FORM.

ATTACHMENT B-3
CORPORATE RESOLUTION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of _____
_____ a corporation organized
under the laws of the State of _____
and domiciled in _____ was held this ____ day
_____, 20____ and was attended
by a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors.

The following resolution was offered, duly seconded and after
discussion was unanimously adopted by said quorum:

BE IT RESOLVED, that _____
is hereby authorized to submit proposals and execute agreements on behalf of this
corporation with the City of Baton Rouge, and Parish of East Baton Rouge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said authorization and appointment shall remain in
full force and effect, unless revoked by resolution of this Board of Directors and that said
revocation will not take effect until the Purchasing Director of the Parish of East Baton
Rouge, shall have been furnished a copy of said resolution, duly certified.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of _____
_____, a corporation created under the laws of the State of
_____ domiciled in _____; that the foregoing is a true and
exact copy of a resolution adopted by a quorum of the Board of Directors of said corporation
at a meeting legally called and held on the _____ day
_____ 20____, as said resolution appears of record in the Official Minutes of the
Board of Directors in my possession.

This _____ day of _____, 20 _____

SECRETARY

G. The Certificate Holder should be shown as:

City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Attn: Purchasing Division
Post Office Box 1471
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

H. Professional Liability coverage for errors and omissions is not required, but Parish shall have the benefit of any such insurance carried by Consultant.

NOTE TO PROPOSERS:

- 1) **Submit evidence of these Insurance Requirements with all required information set forth in the solicitation documents as your proposal.**
- 2) **Retain the complete set of Specifications and Contract Documents and a copy of the Insurance Forms for your files.**

Attachment D
Sample Contract for All Hazards Mitigation
Outreach Initiative



CITY OF BATON ROUGE
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

This Contract, made and entered into at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, effective this ___ day of _____, 20___ by and between the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, herein referred to as City-Parish and _____ herein referred to as "Consultant".

Consultant shall provide consulting services as described herein for All Hazards Mitigation Outreach Initiative.

Consultant agrees to proceed, upon written notice of the Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP), with all professional services necessary for the performance, in proper sequence and in the time specified, of the items of work as herein after set forth. Services will be subject to review and administration by the office requesting the service unless designated otherwise by the City-Parish. All the services required hereunder will be performed by Consultant or under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The services to be rendered by the Consultant for this project shall be as follows:

The Scope of Services is as defined per Attachment A, attached and made a part of this agreement.

CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS: No amendment or variation of the terms of this contract shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required by law. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in the contract is binding on any of the parties.

Changes to the contract include any change in a) compensation; b) beginning/ending date of the contract; c) scope of work; and/or d) contractor change through the assignment of contract process. Any such changes, once approved, will result in the issuance of an amendment to the contract.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: With the exception of the services specifically listed to be furnished by the Parish, Consultant shall, for the agreed fees, obtain all data and furnish all services and materials required to provide the contracted services. All items required to accomplish these results, whether or not specifically mentioned in this contract, including attendance by the Consultant or their representatives at conferences and public hearings, are to be furnished at the expense of Consultant.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CITY-PARISH: The City-Parish will furnish the Consultant without charge all information which it has in its files which may be useful to the Consultant in carrying out this work, as well as assistance in securing data from others to the extent available.

COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT: The City-Parish shall pay and Consultant agrees to accept compensation for the Consulting services to be performed under this contract, at the rates indicated on the Cost Proposal Form attached and made a part of the contract.

The Consultant shall be entitled to payment in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph. Consultant shall invoice the City-Parish on a monthly basis. The contract will be issued with a maximum (not to exceed) total contract price. Payments will be made by the City-Parish within approximately thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of a properly executed invoice, and approval by the department.

CONTRACT TIME: The term of this contract shall begin on or about ‘...’and shall extend through grant close-out.

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK: No work shall be performed by Proposer and the City-Parish shall not be bound until such time as a Contract is fully executed between the City-Parish and the Consultant and all required approvals are obtained.

OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS: The Consultant shall maintain full and accurate records with respect to all matters covered under this agreement. The City-Parish, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives shall have free access at all proper times to such records, and the right to examine and audit the same and to make transcripts therefrom, and to inspect all program data, documents, proceedings, and activities. All records, reports, documents, or other material related to any contract resulting from this RFP and/or obtained or prepared by Contractor in connection with the performance of the services contracted for herein shall become the property of the City-Parish, and shall, upon request, be returned by Contractor to City-Parish, at Contractor’s expense, at termination or expiration of this contract.

The Consultant shall maintain all records related to this agreement for a period of at least three (3) years after grant close-out.

TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION: The City-Parish may terminate this contract for cause based upon the failure of the Consultant to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement, or failure to fulfill its performance obligations pursuant to this Agreement, provided that the City-Parish shall give the Consultant written notice specifying the Consultant’s failure. If within 30 days after receipt of such notice, the Consultant shall not have either corrected such failure or, in the case of failure which cannot be corrected in 30 days, begun in good faith to correct such failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the City-Parish may, at its option, place the Consultant in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice.

The Consultant may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana Law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the City-Parish to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; provided that the Consultant shall give the City-Parish written notice specifying the City-Parish failure and a reasonable opportunity for the City-Parish to cure the defect.

The City-Parish may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving 30 days written notice to the Consultant of such termination or negotiating with the Consultant an effective date.

The Consultant shall be entitled to payment for deliverables in progress, to the extent work has been performed satisfactorily.

Should the City-Parish find it necessary to suspend the work for lack of funding or other circumstances beyond its control, this may be done by 30 days’ notice given by the City-Parish in writing to that effect. The work may be reinstated and resumed in full force and effect upon receipt from the City-Parish of 30 days’ notice in writing to that effect.

This agreement shall ipso-facto terminate three years after the date of the suspension of the work as provided above if the work has not been reinstated and resumed by notice from the City-Parish during the three year period, and neither party shall have any further obligation to the other party.

TERMINATION FOR LACK OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS: The City-Parish may terminate this agreement for lack of appropriated funds on the date of the beginning of the first fiscal year for which funds are not appropriated. For services funded by grants, the City-Parish shall have the right to terminate the contract or any issued task order for which funding is terminated.

DISPUTES: Any dispute concerning a question of fact in connection with the work not disposed of by agreement between the parties shall be referred to the Director of Purchasing or her duly authorized representative for determination, whose decision in the matter shall be final and conclusive on the parties to this contract. This disputes clause does not foreclose the rights of the parties with respect to questions of law in connection with decisions provided for in the foregoing sentence.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OBLIGATION: Consultant shall be an independent contractor under this contract and shall assume all of the rights, obligations and liabilities applicable to him as an independent contractor hereunder. Consultant shall perform all details of the services in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by other professional Consultants under similar circumstances at the time the services are performed, with the City-Parish interested only in the results of the work.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS: Consultant shall procure all permits and licenses applicable to the services to be performed and shall comply with any and all Local, State and Federal laws including those regarding age, citizenship, hours, wages and conditions of employment affecting the service covered by this agreement. Consultant shall pay the contributions measured by wages of his employees required by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, Federal Insurance Contributions Act, and any other payroll tax as required by law.

INDEMNITY: Consultant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City-Parish from any and all losses, damages, expenses or other liabilities, including but not limited to any claim for personal injury, death, property damage or other liability that may be asserted against the City-Parish by any party which arises or allegedly agents in performing its obligations under this Agreement.

Consultant, its agents, employees and insurer (s) hereby release the City-Parish its agents and assigns from any and all liability or responsibility including anyone claiming through or under them by way or subrogation or otherwise for any loss or damage which Consultant, its agents or insurers may sustain incidental to or in any way related to Consultant's operations under this Agreement.

PERSONAL INTEREST: Consultant covenants that he presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in the above described Study or any other interest which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of his services hereunder. The Consultant further covenants that in the performance of his contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

AFFIDAVIT AND CORPORATE RESOLUTION: Consultant shall attest by Affidavit, a sworn statement that this contract was not secured through employment or payment of a solicitor. If Consultant is a corporation, a corporate resolution is furnished as evidence of authority to execute the contract.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE: The Consultant agrees to abide the requirements of the following as applicable: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended the Vietnam Era of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Consultant agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this Agreement, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Consultant, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement and any contract entered into as a result of this agreement.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS: If the project is funded in whole or in part by Federal Grants, Consultant shall comply with the Federal Requirements. Consultant shall also include these Federal Requirements in any sub-contracts.

TAXES: Any taxes, other than state and local sales and use taxes, from which the City-Parish is exempt, shall be assumed to be included within the Consultant's cost.

RIGHT TO AUDIT: The City-Parish or others so designated by the City-Parish, or other lawful entity shall have the option to audit all accounts directly pertaining to the resulting contract for a period of five (5) years after project acceptance or as required by applicable Local, State and Federal law. Records shall be made available during normal working hours for this purpose.

ASSIGNMENT: Assignment of contract, or any payment under the contract, requires the advanced written approval of the City-Parish.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The following provision will apply unless the City-Parish agency statement of work specifically indicates that all information exchanged will be non-confidential:

All financial, statistical, personal, technical and other data and information relating to City-Parish's operations which are designated confidential by the City-Parish and made available to the Consultant in order to carry out this contract, shall be protected by the Consultant from unauthorized use and disclosure through the observance of the same or more effective procedural requirements as are applicable to the City. The identification of all such confidential data and information as well as the City's procedural requirements for protection of such data and information from unauthorized use and disclosure shall be provided by the City in writing to the Consultant. If the methods and procedures employed by the Consultant for the protection of the Consultant's data and information are deemed by the City to be adequate for the protection of the City's confidential information, such methods and procedures may be used, with the written consent of the City, to carry out the intent of this paragraph. The Consultant shall not be required under the provisions of the paragraph to keep confidential any data or information, which is or becomes publicly available, is already rightfully in the Consultant's possession, is independently developed by the Consultant outside the scope of the contract, or is rightfully obtained from third parties.

RECORD RETENTION: The Consultant shall maintain all records in relation to this contract for a period of at least three (3) years from grant close-out.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The Request for Proposals (RFP), dated _____, and the Consultant's Proposal dated _____, are attached hereto and, incorporated into this Contract as though fully set forth herein. In the event of an inconsistency between this Contract, the RFP and/or the Consultant's Proposal, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to this Contract, then to the RFP and subsequent addenda (if any) and finally, the Consultant's Proposal.

GOVERNING LAW: This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. Venue of any action brought with regard to this Contract shall be in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court, parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.

{A} LIQUIDATED DAMAGES (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 {A})

- (1) All work to be performed under this AGREEMENT shall be timely commenced. As a breach of this AGREEMENT would cause substantial delay in the completion of the required services affecting the safety and welfare of the public, the parties adopt the following liquidated damages clause.
- (2) Liquidated damages are hereby fixed and agreed upon between the parties, recognizing the impossibility of precisely ascertaining the amount of damages that will be sustained by the GOVERNMENT as a consequence of such delay in performance. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that damages to GOVERNMENT from untimely performance are extremely difficult to determine, and accordingly, the CONTRACTOR agrees that the amount of liquidated damages provided for herein is the nearest and most exact measure of damages for such delays.

- (a) Failure of the CONTRACTOR to meet the mobilization requirements under this AGREEMENT: \$250.00 per calendar day.
- (b) The GOVERNMENT is authorized to deduct liquidated damage amounts from the monies due to CONTRACTOR for the work under this AGREEMENT, or as much thereof as the GOVERNMENT may, at its own option, deem just and reasonable.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE: {2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (C)}

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the AGREEMENT, during the performance of the AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause (41CFR 60-1.4(b)):

- (1) CONTRACTOR will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. CONTRACTOR will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. AGREEMENTOR agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
- (2) CONTRACTOR will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
- (3) CONTRACTOR will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other agreement or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the CONTRACTOR'S commitments under this section, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- (4) CONTRACTOR will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
- (5) CONTRACTOR will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor for purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
- (6) In the event of the CONTRACTOR'S noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this AGREEMENT or with any of the said rules, regulations or orders, this AGREEMENT may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further government contracts or federally assisted construction contracts In accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (7) CONTRACTOR will include the portion of the sentence immediately preceding paragraph (1) and the provisions of subparagraphs 1 through 7 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or contractor. CONTRACTOR will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the administering agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: provided, however, that in the event CONTRACTOR becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or contractor as a result of such direction by the administering agency the CONTRACTOR may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT:

BACON-DAVIS ACT: Applicable to construction or repair of public buildings or public works. see FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance, Part VI. D.9, page 88;

COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT: In contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. §3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that the contractor and subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The GOVERNMENT must report all suspected or reported violations to the appropriate Federal agency.

If applicable to the work and services under the parties' AGREEMENT:

- (a) CONTRACTOR shall comply with 18 U.S.C. § 874, 40 U.S.C. § 3145, and the requirements of 29 C.F.R. pt. 3 as may be applicable, which are incorporated by reference into this AGREEMENT.
- (b) CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clause above and such other clauses as FEMA may by appropriate Instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontract with all of these contract clauses.
- (c) A breach of the AGREEMENT clause above may be grounds for termination of the AGREEMENT, and for debarment as a contractor and subcontractor as provided in 29 C.F.R. §5.12.

CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (E)) (40 u.s.c. 3701-3708)

Contracts in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor and its subcontractors shall compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week.

- (1) Overtime requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

Violation: liability for unpaid wages: liquidated damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefor shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section, in the sum of \$10 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in paragraph (1) of this section.

- (2) Withholding for unpaid wages and liquidated damages. The GOVERNMENT shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any moneys payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by the same prime contractor, such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in paragraph (2) of this section.
- (3) The contractor and subcontractor shall insert in any subcontract the clauses set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this section and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts.

RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix 11 to Part 200 (F)) If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT and if the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the GOVERNMENT wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the GOVERNMENT must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business."

CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (G)) CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

CONTRACTOR shall include the foregoing requirements in each subcontract exceeding \$100,000.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (H))

If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the parties' AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies of the state regulation promulgated in accordance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. § 6201).

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (I))

- (1) This AGREEMENT is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180 and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000. As such, the CONTRACTOR is required to verify that none of the contractor, its principals (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.995), or its affiliates (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.905) are excluded (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.940) or disqualified (defined at 2 C.F.R. § 180.935).
- (2) The CONTRACTOR must comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C and must include a requirement to comply with these regulations in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.
- (3) This certification is a material representation of fact relied upon by GOVERNMENT. If it is later determined that the CONTRACTOR did not comply with 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C, in addition to remedies available to GOVERNMENT, the Federal government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment.
- (4) The CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. pt. 180, subpart C and 2 C.F.R. pt. 3000, subpart C. AGREEMENT is valid and throughout the period of performance. The CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

BYRD ANTI -LOBBYING AMENDMENT (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 {J})

CONTRACTOR must file with the GOVERNMENT the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. If not provided with the bid response, CONTRACTOR must complete and submit the Certification Regarding Lobbying Form.

PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 CFR §200.326 Appendix II to Part 200 (K) and 2 CFR §200.322)

- (1) In the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired-
 - (a) Competitively within a timeframe providing for compliance with the contract performance schedule;
 - (b) Meeting contract performance requirements; or
 - (c) At a reasonable price.
- (2) Information about this requirement and the list of EPA-designate items is available at EPA's Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines web site, <http://www.epa.gov/cpg/>.

AGREEMENTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES. WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS (2 CFR §200.321)

Should the CONTRACTOR subcontract any of the work under this AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR shall take the following affirmative steps: place qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists; assure that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources; divide total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; establish delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and use the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

- (1) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide GOVERNMENT, the FEMA Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representative's access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to this AGREEMENT for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions.
- (2) CONTRACTOR agrees to permit any of the foregoing parties to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed.
- (3) CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the FEMA Administrator or his authorized representative's access to construction or other work sites pertaining to the work being completed under the contract.

SEAL. LOGO AND FLAGS

CONTRACTOR shall not use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's agency officials without specific FEMA preapproval.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This is an acknowledgement that FEMA financial assistance will be used to fund the AGREEMENT only. If applicable to the work and services performed by CONTRACTOR under the AGREEMENT, the CONTRACTOR will comply with all federal law, regulations, executive orders, FEMA policies, procedures, and directives.

NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government is not a party to this AGREEMENT and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to GOVERNMENT, CONTRACTOR, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the contract.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS

CONTRACTOR acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. Chap. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the CONTRACTOR'S actions pertaining to this contract.

COMPLETE CONTRACT

This is the complete Contract between the parties with respect to the subject matter and all prior discussions and negotiations are merged into this contract. This contract is entered into with neither party relying on any statement or representation made by the other party not embodied in this contract and there are no other agreements or understanding changing or modifying the terms. This Contract shall become effective upon final approval by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City-Parish and Consultant have executed this contract effective as of the date first written above.

WITNESSES:

CITY OF BATON ROUGE AND
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

By: _____

Title: _____

CONSULTANT

By: _____

Title: _____

Typed Name and Title